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OF CSCE FINAL ACT SIGNATORIES ON CULTURAL COOPERATION,  
AUGUST 26-28, 1976

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1. USIS HELSINKI HAS RECEIVED INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE  
IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE. THE SITE OF THE CONFERENCE HAS  
BEEN MOVED FROM HELSINKI TO SAVONLINNA.

2. HERewith PROGRAM: BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED  
THURSDAY, 26TH AUGUST  
10:00 OPENING OF THE SYMPOSIUM  
10:30 ITEM I: THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL  
COOPERATION IN THE LIGHT OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE  
ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE  
INTRODUCTION BY MR. KLAUS TORNUDD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MINISTRY  
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINLAND  
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12:00 LUNCH

13:00 ITEM II: THE FORMS OF AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CULTURAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE  
INTRODUCTIONS BY MR. ILMAR BEKERIS, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SWEDEN AND BY MR. ERNO CSONKA, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS, HUNGARY  
SHORT DISCUSSION  
14:30 COFFEE BREAK  
14:45 ITEM III: THE POSITION OF ETHNIC AND LINGUISTIC MINORITIES IN CULTURAL COOPERATION  
INTRODUCTIONS BY MR. DAVID BARTLETT, SECRETARY-GENERAL CANADIAN COMMISSION FOR UNESCO AND BY MR. DUSAN POPORSKI, SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF MACEDONIA  
SHORT DISCUSSION  
16:15 COFFEE BREAK  
16:30 ITEM IV: THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE FRAME WORK OF UNESCO: FUTURE PROSPECTS  
INTRODUCTION BY MR. GENNADI MOJAEV, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL, COMMISSION OF THE USSR FOR UNESCO.  
A BACKGROUND DOCUMENT CONCERNING UNESCO'S ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR THIS ITEM. THE DOCUMENT WILL BE PRESENTED BY MR. E. POUCHPA DASS, DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF UNESCO.  
SHORT DISCUSSION  
20:00 DINNER  
FRIDAY, 27TH AUGUST  
9:00 SESSIONS IN THREE WORKING GROUPS ON THE FOLLOWING THEMES:  
1. THE FORMS OF AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CULTURAL COOPERATION  
2. THE POSITION OF ETHNIC AND LINGUISTIC MINORITIES IN CULTURAL COOPERATION  
3. THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UNESCO; FUTURE PROSPECTS  
12:00 LUNCH  
13:00 SESSIONS IN WORKING GROUPS CONTINUES  
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DINNER  
EVENING PROGRAM  
SATURDAY, 28TH AUGUST  
9:00 SESSIONS IN WORKING GROUPS CONTINUES  
12:00 LUNCH  
13:00 REPORTS FROM THE WORKING GROUPS. ADOPTION OF THE FINAL REPORT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SYMPOSIUM  
CLOSING THE SYMPOSIUM.

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3. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED THE PROGRAM AND CONCURS THAT AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IS NOT ADVISABLE. IT IS CLEAR THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS EXCEPT FOR THE CANADIAN AND THE SWEDE ARE FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. NO APPROACH WAS MADE TO EMBASSY PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS FORMAT OR INCLUSION OF WESTERN SPEAKERS.

4. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RECENTLY APPROACHED CAO AND MENTIONED THAT FINNS WERE QUITE CONCERNED THAT THIS CONFERENCE MIGHT BECOME POLITICAL AND STATED THAT FINNS WERE ANXIOUS TO HAVE WESTERN PARTICIPATION EVEN IN THE FORM OF OBSERVERS. THIS REPRESENTATIVE WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE EEC 9 HAD DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE. UPON BEING QUESTIONED, THE REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE HELSINKI REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL MIGHT ATTEND. SUBSEQUENTLY, EMBOFF CONTACTED HEAD OF BRITISH COUNCIL WHO WAS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF EEC STAND. BRITISH COUNCIL NOW CONSULTING BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICERS REGARDING GUIDANCE; HOWEVER, PARTICIPATION BY BRITISH COUNCIL IN SAVON-LINNA SEEMS UNLIKELY. EMBOFF ALSO CONTACTED GERMAN EMBASSY WHICH INDICATED THAT NEITHER EMBASSY NOR GOETHE INSTITUTE RECEIVED INVITATION AND STATED MOST FIRMLY THEY WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY WAY.

5. EMBOFF CONTACTED HEAD OF FRENCH CULTURAL CENTER WHO HAD RECEIVED INVITATION AND WHO WAS STILL DISCUSSING MATTER WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR. FRENCH INDICATED THEY PROBABLY WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE CONFERENCE.  
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6. REPRESENTATIVE OF DUTCH EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED TOPIC ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH EMBOFF. DUTCH HAVE HELD RECENT MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF EMBASSIES OF EEC 9 IN HELSINKI. ORIGINALLY, DUTCH EMBASSY OFFICER FELT THAT NO PARTICIPATION WOULD BE BEST LINE. HOWEVER, THIS WEEK DUTCH POSITION SEEMS TO HAVE WEEKENED, PROBABLY DUE TO FINNISH EXPRESSIONS OF EMBARRASSMENT. WE BELIEVE DUTCH EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE HAGUE TO SEND OBSERVER TO SAVONLINNA. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT IF ONLY DUTCH OBSERVER ATTENDS, THIS COULD BE USEFUL FOR FEEDBACK. EMBASSY WOULD HOPE THAT NO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BIG FOUR ATTEND.  
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